

# Bagram News Express



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## 30 Code 1 sorties and counting



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lucas Inboden, 34th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, dedicated crew chief, recovers an F-16 at Bagram Airfield after the aircraft completed its 30th code 1 combat sortie over the skies of Afghanistan, March 23, 2010. Sergeant Inboden is deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and is from Dallas, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo by/ Tech. Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)

**By: Staff Sgt Richard Williams**  
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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan—As their F-16 Fighting Falcon pulled into its parking spot on the airfield, the dedicated crew chiefs from the 34th Expeditionary

Aircraft Maintenance Unit had something to be proud of: tail number 2119 had returned from its 30th code 1 sortie over the skies of Afghanistan, March 23, 2010.

Col. Lawrence Gatti, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander, explained the significance of the 30 code 1 sorties, “No one person makes an aircraft fly 30

code 1 sorties. I have never heard of it in my 32 years in the Air Force, so I think it is a pretty remarkable achievement.”

Lt. Col. Brad Lyons, 34th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander, explained the code status

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as a three-tier system that rates an aircraft's mission readiness. A code 1 aircraft is one that returns from a mission with no maintenance needs that would affect the safety of flight or mission accomplishment. A code 2 indicates maintenance issues that may be a nuisance item, but safety and mission accomplishment would not be affected. A code 3 aircraft would have a severe enough problem that mission accomplishment and safety are affected and the aircraft would not fly until proper maintenance could be performed.

"The maintainers for our squadron are doing an outstanding job for us out here," said Colonel Lyons, deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "They never forget for a moment that there is an Airman whose life is at risk every time one of our aircraft goes up, and by extension the lives of countless ground forces whose lives would be put at additional risk if our planes did not show up to support them on a daily basis."

The dedicated crew chiefs, the weapons flight, the production staff and the back shops should all take credit for the remarkable feat, said Colonel Gatti, deployed from Langley AFB, Va. "All of those units



**U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Anthony Creasey recovers an F-16 Fighting Falcon on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, March 23, 2010. Airman Creasey is deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and is from Buchanan, W.Va. (U.S. Air Force photos by/ Tech. Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)**

have to do their job flawlessly to have something like this come together. This is a culmination of all of their hard work, a real team effort."

Colonel Lyons, a Savannah, Ga. native said, "I've always known we had some of the best maintainers in the business and I think this proves it."

"It is a great feeling," added Staff Sgt. Lucas Inboden, 34th EAMU,

crew chief for tail 2119. "It makes me feel better to know that this was a total force and a total team effort."

Sergeant Inboden, also deployed from Hill AFB, explained the team effort that went into accomplishing the 30 code 1 sorties was not only due to his own hard work and dedication to mission accomplishment, but the dedication shown by everyone from the pilots flying the aircraft to the people who are turning the wrenches every day.

There are many factors that



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**Sergeant Inboden (right) and Senior Airman Anthony Creasey, 34th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, perform routine maintenance on an F-16 after the aircraft completed 30 code 1 flights, March 23, 2010. Sergeant Inboden is deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and is from Dallas, Texas. Airman Creasey is also deployed from Hill AFB and is from Buchanan, W.Va.**



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come into play when trying to keep a jet on a code 1 status, explained Sergeant Inboden, a Dallas, Texas native. Extreme heat and cold temperatures accompanied by wind, dust and rocks wreak havoc on not only the aircraft but the men and women who ensure those aircraft are ready to accomplish the mission. However, he said the professionals at the 34th EAMU are up to the challenge and focused on the mission.

Col. Patrick McKenzie, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, said the success of the 30 code 1 milestone hinges on the relationship between the pilots and the maintainers.

“It is a tribute to our maintainers and a tribute to our pilots because we have such a strong working relationship,” added Colonel McKenzie, deployed from Langley AFB, Va.

“In this squadron their operations and maintenance know exactly what is going on in each other’s

worlds; they are involved not only professionally but personally.” A relationship Colonel McKenzie sees as key to taking care of each other and ensuring everyone makes it home safe.

Sergeant Inboden added, “I want to give the pilot the forms and tell him that he has a jet capable of getting him back to his family safe and that will complete the mission as required.”



**A U.S. Air Force F-16 assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron lands after completing its 30th code 1 combat sortie, March 23, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photos by/ Tech. Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)**



**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lucas Inboden, 34th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, dedicated crew chief, talks with the pilot of an F-16 after the aircraft completed 30 code 1 sorties, March 23, 2010.**

# SARC FAQs

## QUESTION:

*What is the definition of "sexual assault"?*

## ANSWER:

The term "sexual assault" is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex), and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (to include unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts.

"Consent" is defined as words or overt acts indicating a freely given agreement to the sexual conduct at issue by a competent person. An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the accused individual's use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent. A current or previous dating relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the sexual conduct at issue shall not constitute consent.

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## Bagram Airfield Air Force PT Uniform Standards...



Shirt must fit  
properly.

Wear shorts  
at the waist.

Wear white socks  
not black socks.



Shirt must be  
tucked in.

Do not roll  
up your shorts.



Bagram's policy for destruction of sensitive or classified material is "shred or burn." DO NOT take sensitive or classified information to the base burn pit and leave it unattended. You must stay and ensure materials are delivered into the incinerator and destroyed. Do your part to keep information out of the hands of the enemy...Force protection is YOUR business!

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Capt. Sprute - Antiterrorism Officer  
MSgt. Holtzmann - Antiterrorism Superintendent

Force Protection is *your* business - *everyone* is a sensor



# 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Warriors of the Week

Staff Sgt. Bradley Hofstetter, 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron



Staff Sgt. Bradley Hofstetter, 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron, is the Warrior of the Week. He is an air terminal operations center information controller deployed from the 75th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Sergeant Hofstetter's primary duties include managing aerial port activities, ensuring all sub-sections meet sequence of events in the successful and on time departure of cargo and passenger aircraft. He disseminates aircraft information to include parking spots, aircraft configurations, and allowable cabin

load to Ramp Services. He reviews aircraft load plans for accuracy, briefs aircrews on cargo and passenger load characteristics to include any hazardous material information or unique loading requirements.

On being named Warrior of the Week, Sergeant Hoffstetter, a Clearfield, Utah native, said, "It felt good. It was an honor to have the general and the command chief come to my work."

Sergeant Hoffstetter said his job is important because he is the liaison between aircraft and cargo traveling to all parts in and out of

Afghanistan. He added that his team prides themselves in fixing personnel and cargo travel issues to make sure everything and everyone get where they need to go.

SSgt Hofstetter's supervision commented about his performance by saying he is very organized and is able to multi-task several different missions at once. He remains calm and cool under pressure and executes the mission in a mature and professional manner. Bradley is conscientious in ensuring all agencies come together to facilitate on time departures of tactical and channel airlift.



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# History Spotlight: The Mongolian Invasion

By: Tech. Sgt. Scott Gaitley, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Historian

On the eastern borders of the Khwarizm Empire a Mongol chieftain by the name of Temujin, "Genghis Khan," a brilliant tactician and advocate of total war was busily consolidating his power.

From him the Khwarizm Shah received the following note: "I am the sovereign of the sunrise, and thou the sovereign of the sunset. Let there be between us a firm treaty of friendship, amity, and peace and let traders and caravans on both sides come and go, and let the precious products and ordinary commodities which may be in my territory be conveyed by them into thine, and those in thine into mine." With the note bearer he sent five hundred camels laden with gold—including a nugget of pure gold as big as a camel's neck—silver, silks, furs, sable and other rare possessions.

Such riches were just too appealing for the Shah's greedy border



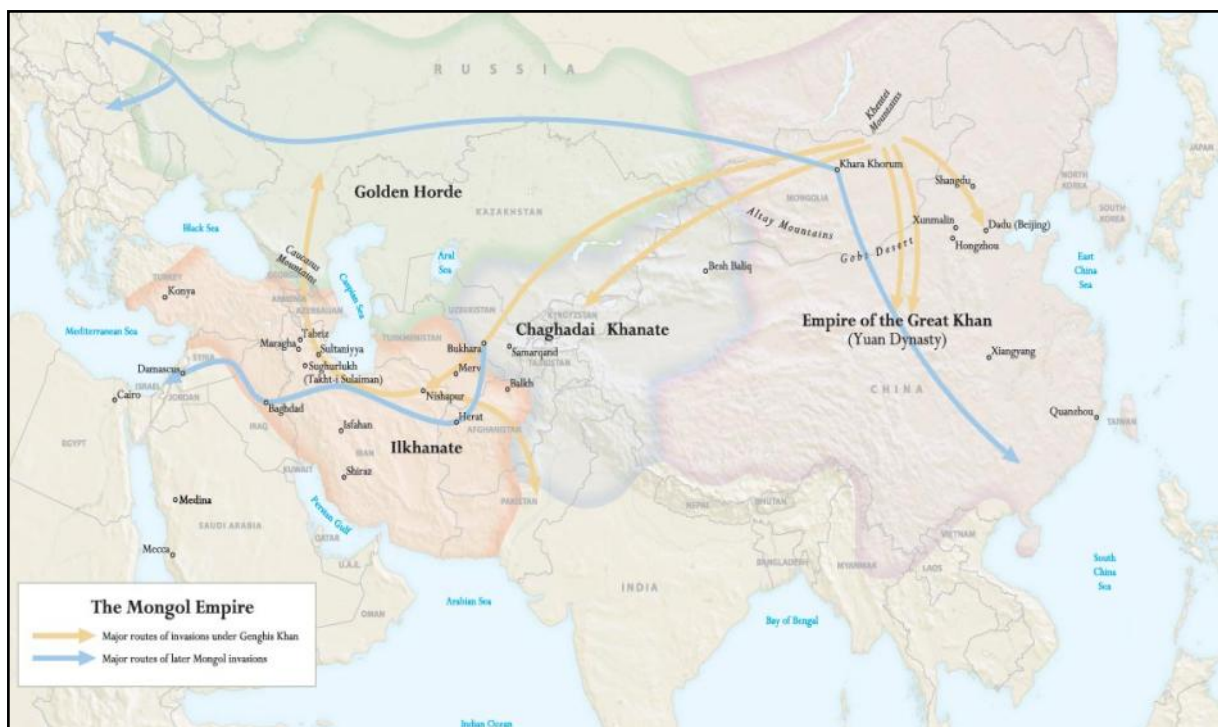
commander. He then seized the treasure and killed all those accompanying the caravan. Or so he thought. He had in fact missed one young camel boy who succeeded in escaping and returned with the fateful news. Enraged, Genghis Khan demanded that the Shah turn over the

border commander for punishment but the Shah, confident of his supreme power, answered by returning Khan's messengers with singed beards. With insult added to theft and murder, the deluge began for one of the most disastrous episodes recorded in the annals of mankind.

Nearly 200,000 Mongols marched west to punish the Khwarizm Shah in the year 1219. By 1221, Balkh, Herat, the Seistan, Ghazni, Bamiyan and all points in between had fallen before the onslaught and "... with one stroke a world which billowed with fertility was laid desolate, and the regions thereof became a desert and the greater part of the living dead and their skins and bones crumbling dust; and the mighty were humbled and

immersed in the calamities of perdition." Balkh and Herat were dispatched without mercy, leaving little more than barking dogs as witnesses. The south, with its green gardens, orchards and canals was utterly destroyed, a disaster which Afghanistan has yet to recover from.

Revitalization was slow. The great irrigation machinery which had enabled this land to produce lay broken and useless, purposely destroyed by Genghis Khan. Anarchy prevailed, and the great cities of the desert and the plain, robbed of their livelihood, became mounds of sand. Only in the rich province of Khurasan was there a return to law and order under an extremely skillful local family, known as the Karts. Appointed governors by the Mongol Il-Khans of Persia in 1245, they expanded from their capital at Herat to include Kandahar 1281. They declared their independence in 1332, and seemed well on their way toward a long and prosperous reign. However, a new storm was already brewing in Central Asia, with the rise of the Timurids.





# NEWS BRIEFS

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** Are your immunizations up to date? Active-duty members are required to stay current on all immunizations during their deployment. Report to your nearest medical treatment facility to check your status and get vaccinated. For questions, contact Task Force Medical Public Health, 431-4426.

**NEWCOMERS INPROCESSING:** All Air Force members are required to inprocess with PERSCO. The inprocessing will start your combat pay entitlements. If you have been in the area of responsibility for at least 30 days and you are not receiving combat pay, visit Finance in the crow's nest tower on Camp Cunningham. If you know for a fact that you did not inprocess with PERSCO, visit PERSCO located in Bldg. 700 near the passenger terminal. Call 431-2070/4409 for more information.

**COMBAT O:** Combat Orientation is every Friday at 0100Z/0530L at the MWR Clamshell. Uniform is Air Force PT uniform for fitness assessment. This is a mandatory briefing for all Air Force personnel assigned to Bagram Airfield. Accountability is tracked and will be forwarded to the first sergeants.

## **BAF MAIL INSTRUCTIONS:**

BAF residents, ensure individuals sending mail have your most current contact information. This alleviates any delays in receiving your mail. Below is the contact information required for individuals to receive mail.

**NAME - (Eg. Jane Doe; no rank)**

**UNIT - (Eg. 455 ECS/SCXK)**

**Bagram Airfield or BAF**

**APO AE 09354**

## **AFGHANISTAN HISTORY CLASS:**

The weekly Afghanistan History course has changed class time and date from Monday's 1900-2000 to Tuesday's 1900-2000 in the Town Hall on Camp Cunningham. For more information contact the 455th AEW Wing Historian's office at 481-6053.

## **455th AEW Decoration Information**

The Meritorious Unit Award has been approved for all 455th Air Expeditionary Wing personnel who served under the wing from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; anyone assigned for at least one day during the award period is eligible for the award. You need to take a copy of the award and proof (orders, voucher, decoration, etc.) you were assigned in the 455th AEW during the award period to your Military Personnel Section for update.

## **455th AEW Safety tip of the week**

### **SPEED LIMITS**

Drivers must adhere to eight kilometers per hour/five miles per hour when approaching or passing troop formations, in parking lots and troop areas, to include billeting areas, and when driving on Disney Road during physical training hours with a pass. The speed limit is 25 kph/15 mph unless otherwise posted. If you have questions, please contact the Safety Office at 431-4743.

## **455th AEW Financial Tip of the Week**

### **ENTITLEMENTS**

**Family Separation Allowance—FSA** is \$250/month and is prorated. If you filed it at home station finance before you left, the entitlement should appear 30 days after your departure on your pay record. If you have not yet filed for it or if you did and it was not processed by your home station, you have two options: 1. You can bring a copy of your orders to the finance office at Bagram 30 days after your departure from home and file for it. 2. You can wait until you get back to home station finance and file for it when you complete your travel voucher and receive the lump sum for the timeframe you were deployed. FSA is only payable to members who lived with their dependent or joint spouse prior to deployment. If you are mil-to-mil and both deployed to the same base, you will not receive FSA unless you are separated from your children.

## **455th AEW Policies and Procedures**

**Flightline Photography** — Personnel on Bagram Airfield are not authorized to take still photography or video imagery on the airfield flightline unless authorized by the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs office and 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Images must be used for official use only. Violators of this policy will be detained and possibly taken into custody. Call 455th AEW/PA at 431-2371 for more information.





**27 March 2010 @ 1300**

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**Who Is Invited:** Couch potatoes to Athletes, everyone will benefit

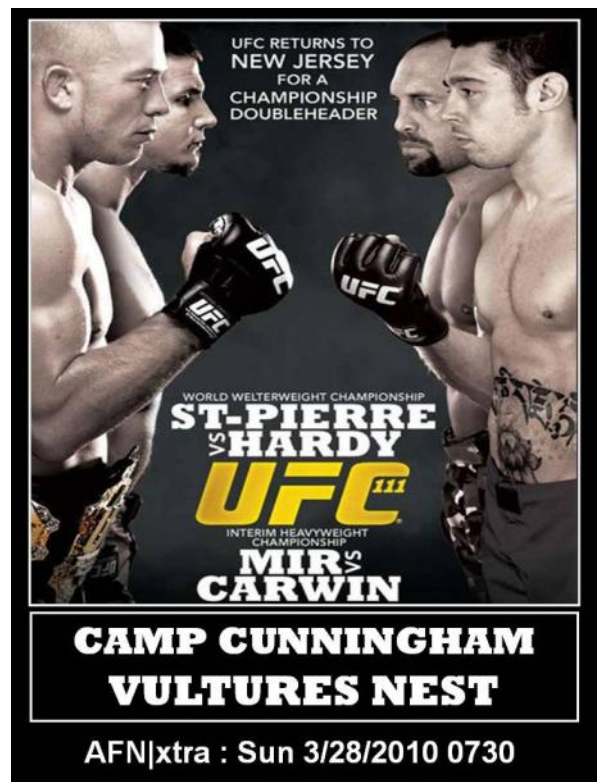
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How to analyze joint movement: hips, knees, ankles, feet, torso, arms and head alignments for walking and running.

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